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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

"Nobody will use other people's experiences," said Hawthorn, "Nor has any of his own until it is too late to use it."

The local leaving this afternoon is the first train in months that has not carried away one or more ladies; but today there were none.

Science now states that there are over 2,000,000 bacteria in a grain of butter. No wonder butter gets to tasting bad when they all die.

Rehearsals for the minstrel show are a steady thing now, and the local rage is ripening fast. It will be the boss affair of the kind ever given in The Dalles.

A few more days like today and spring will be an assured fact. Sunshine has been such a rarity during the winter that it doesn't take much of it to excite comment.

Joe Bonn broke the bowling record last night with a score of 64. Judge Bradshaw has held the championship for quite a while, with a score of 63, and we expect to see some very heavy judicial bowling until that 64 is beaten.

Over \$150,000 will be paid through the Arlington National bank for cattle and sheep within the next four months. That amount of money ought to be sufficient to relieve any financial pressure Gilliam county might be subjected to, says the Arlington Record.

The town of Wilber, Wash., and others along the south half of the Colville reservation, are filled with strangers, awaiting a proclamation opening that section to mineral entries. There are a number of men on the reservation and they have located mineral claims and in some cases have been prosecuting work thereon.

The dwelling-house and drug store of Dr. Karten, at Viola, near Oregon City, burned yesterday, entailing a loss of \$1500. The property was insured for \$750. Dr. Karten was also postmaster, and the postal fixtures and supplies and mail matter were the only property saved. The fire started from a defective stove.

A fruit growers' institute will be held at Hood River, Tuesday and Wednesday March 16 and 17. Hon. H. B. Miller, president of the state agricultural college, U. P. Hendricks, professor of horticulture, and A. B. Cordley, professor entomology, will be present. Prof. Cordley will give an illustrated lecture by the aid of electric lights, which will be furnished by W. J. Smith, and the institute will occupy the old K. of P. hall adjoining the box factory, for one night.

Monday's Daily.

The Dickens entertainment will cost 25 cents, and will certainly be worth the money. Don't forget the evenings, Thursday and Friday.

The evenings with Dickens will commence on the 25th, and on that and the succeeding evening about ninety of the characters of that celebrated writer will appear on the stage.

The Antelope Herald notes the death of Duncan McRae at his home on the John Day, Saturday, Feb. 13th. He leaves four children. His wife about four months ago became insane and is now in the asylum at Salem.

The Elks, to the number of twenty-eight, attended the services at the Congregational church Sunday evening, and were highly pleased with Rev. Curtis' sermon, illustrating those traits of character that made Washington the idol of all lovers of freedom.

Tuesday's Daily.

The weather forecast for tonight is fair, for tomorrow, rain and warmer.

Hon. M. A. Moody, who made a trip to Cloud Cap Inn on Mt. Hood a few days ago, arrived home last night.

"Ivy Green," a song from Pickwick papers, and one of the few of Dickens' poems set to music, will be sung Friday night at the "Evenings with Dickens" entertainment.

It is expected the Dalles City will be ready to resume her place on the river soon after March 1st. She will be a much better boat than when new, as her repairs have been thorough and her hull has been made much stronger.

Speaking of steamboats reminds us that the D. P. & A. N. Co. has always given good service, that it solved the freight problem, and has saved this section several hundred thousand dollars. Its record suggests that it is a good line to stay with.

When the minstrel troupe gets ready to show, you will see a show, one that will make you laugh; one that will

shake the doldrums out of your craniums, and make you feel glad to think you are alive. Watch out for the date, and get your tickets early.

The K. of P. celebrated the 34th anniversary of the order last night in a befitting manner. There was a good program and a brief, but eloquent, address by W. H. Wilson, after which dancing was the order of the evening, and kept up until about midnight.

The Dalles is having a surfeit of entertainments. Legislature tonight, debate at the Congregational church tonight, "Evenings with Dickens" Thursday and Friday. Next Company Monday, lecture at the Congregational church Tuesday, and Senter Payton Company nearly all of next week and then comes the minstrels.

The steamer, Pilgrim, made her first run between Portland and this city yesterday, arriving here at 7:10 last night. The Pilgrim is a small propeller, and while comfortable enough for a short run, will, we think, prove very wearisome for a ten or twelve hours' ride. In these days of rapid transit, slow boats and slow trains are not in it, and we fancy the Pilgrim will not stay on the route long.

The Salvation Army was out in a blaze of patriotism last night, American flags being numerous, and one of the men was togged up in bunting until he looked like a matador at a Spanish bull fight. The street services were unusually fervent, and the invitation to visit the hall quite liberally responded to.

The work of cleaning the mud from Second street, between Washington and Federal, is about completed and it is really a pleasure to see that portion of the highway showing here and there a few dry spots. It would be a great improvement if the whole street could receive the same treatment, and it would also be appreciated next summer when what is now mud will be dust, and disseminated promiscuously.

The Eastern Oregon session of the legislature meets at the Vogt this evening at 8 o'clock. There is going to be whole lots of fun, and those who do not attend will regret it. Arrangements were completed this morning for the session, which will be called to order promptly. A special attempt will be made to get "Mr. Jones," the gentleman from Wasco, to occupy his seat, a committee of six being appointed to show him the way.

George Shaub, a 12-year-old boy, was kicked in the head by a horse at Coburg Thursday, his skull being crushed. His folks were all away from home, accompanying the boy's sister, who was departing for California, to the depot. It is supposed he went to the stable about 5 o'clock to do the chores, and was kicked by what had always been supposed to be a gentle horse. He was found lying unconscious on the stable floor when his folks returned, and will die.

Instead of diminishing the area of the Cascade Forest Reserve, the president yesterday issued thirteen proclamations establishing thirteen additional forest reservations, with a total acreage of 21,739,000. Heretofore sixteen reservations have been made, with a total acreage of 17,500,000. So that yesterday the reservations made were of greater area than all made before that time. There was one made for each of the original colonies, a patriotic arrangement, but perhaps foolish.

It is undoubtedly true that the fruit trees in this county were injured to some extent by the cold weather of November. How much damage has been done it is impossible to tell, the only test being to let the trees alone until late spring. Mr. B. F. Laughlin tells us that in 1861 the fruit trees were injured, and many, thinking they were ruined, cut them down. When spring came most of those left were late about budding, but came out all right. It is the part of wisdom on those having fruit trees to let them alone until they are proven beyond doubt to be killed.

Mr. Owen Williams, a resident of The Dalles for many years, is a patient at Good Samaritan hospital, suffering from cancer of the stomach. He is hardly expected to live during the week, but the patient is making a heroic effort to avert what apparently seems inevitable, and insists that he is getting better. Mr. Williams is well known to many in Portland, being a prominent member of the Elks and other secret orders. He is receiving every attention at the hands of his friends and the hospital attendants, but they all realize that he has only a few more days to live.—Oregonian.

To Answer Roll Call.

The following gentlemen will take part in the organization of the legislature at the Vogt this evening:

Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, A. S. Bennett, J. B. Condon, W. H. Wilson, Hugh Gourlay, W. H. Biggs, A. M. Kelsay, S. VanVactor, John Cradlebaugh, G. B. Phelps, A. S. Mac Allister, J. F. Moore, J. W. Condon, J. A. Douthett, Seth Morgan, G. J. Farley, E. N. Chandler, Chas. Hilton, E. O. McCoy, E. Jacobsen, D. Dular, N. H. Gates, D. W. Roberts, J. Sinnott, Roger Sinnott, A. R. Thompson, W. B. Meyers, F. Menefee, B. F. Laughlin, C. L. Phillips, Capt. J. W. Lewis, Adjutant H. H. Riddell, Col. J. M. Patterson, Manager W. Lord.

THE MEN'S SOCIAL.

The Chowder Was Fine, and the Cake Did Not Sag.

The entertainment given by the "men folks" at the M. E. church last night, was a decided success. The program was a very interesting one, and held the audience until nearly 10 o'clock without it getting impatient. It may be that it had no spontaneous desire to be in a hurry to tackle the cakes, but we prefer to believe that it was pleased with the numbers of the program in its entirety.

The best received number was the trio by Dr. Lannerberg, Professor Landers and Mr. Parrott, entitled "The Short Wife." Professor Landers sang loudly for a short wife, Dr. Lannerberg sang with as much fervor for a tall wife, while Parrott was so puffed up with pride about the success of his cake that he proclaimed that he would have no wife at all. The high school quartet sang well, and received and responded to an encore. Clyde Riddell read a love letter which he claimed had been written to his sister, that was a model of its kind. The recitation of Charles Campbell was excellent, as was that by Walter Reavis. The latter is peculiarly gifted in that line, and his selection of a subject was well made. We forgot to mention that "The Short Wife" caused a vigorous encore, but the trio insisted "that was all they knew," but Professor Landers suggested that Dr. Lannerberg had a song composed by himself, and the audience would listen to nothing else until they heard it. This was followed by an euphonium solo by Mr. Guy Miller, whose well-known ability makes comment unnecessary.

Mr. George E. Stewart gave a recitation, choosing for his subject Thackeray's poem, showing Canute when he rebuked his courtiers after vainly commanding the tides to recede. We arrived a trifle late, only in time to hear the last half of Rev. Wood's eloquent address of welcome, but we got there in time to be in at the close, and make everybody glad to see the refreshment room. We feel this morning that some of our statements last night were a trifle exaggerated, and are willing to modify them in a degree to suit any not willing to believe them in their crude state. We are moved to make this correction because we are led to believe some doubted our statement about the dog. A solo by Dr. Lannerberg completed the program. It was a very beautiful thing and the audience would not be satisfied until he responded to an encore.

On the completion of the literary program the audience repaired to the basement, where was an array of good things innumerable. The cakes were certainly as good as if made by the ladies, even the angel food was all right, at least it agreed with us. The feature of the supper though was the clam chowder made under the supervision of Mr. B. F. Laughlin. There were more than seven gallons of it, but the supply was exhausted.

Taken all in all, the men's social was a decided success, equalling anything of the kind given here in a long time.

Thank You.

The ladies of the Good Intent Society join in expressing their heartfelt thanks to all concerned in the sociable given by the gentleman at the M. E. church last evening. They appreciate the promptness and willingness with which you responded to their request, and are very proud of your success. If in the future they should again call upon you to help them, they hope that you will attribute it to the fact that they do not feel certain of being successful without your assistance, and they also hope that you will be just as hearty in your response.

The above acknowledgment is so very prettily made that for those who took part we lift our tile and say in the language of the poet:

"Without a smile from lips of beauty won,
Oh! what were man? A world without a sun."
Jones' Letter.

Following is a copy of a letter written by Representative F. N. Jones of Wasco County, before the election. It explains itself:

SHERMAN'S BRIDGE, May 26, 1896.
H. A. Leavens, Esq., Cascade Locks, Or.:
Dear Sir:—Yours of 8-23 to hand. In regard to what you say concerning Mr. Mitchell, I wish to say that I entered this campaign absolutely unpledged or instructed for anyone, and have rather made a point of that fact, and, whereas, I do not care at this stage of the game to go on record as being pledged, yet I want to say that I have nothing but the most friendly regard for Hon. J. H. Mitchell, and it has never entered my head to do anything but support him, and I certainly expect to vote for him if I am sent to Salem, and I can do so cheerfully and consistently. Furthermore, I have found the majority of the people in Sherman and Wasco counties to be with Mr. Mitchell, and I have no doubt at all about his re-election.

I do not think Mr. Mitchell personally doubts my loyalty in the least. His son, Hiram, was my guest last winter, having traveled to The Dalles and forty-five miles from there by stage simply to spend a few days with me at my ranch. There are many of our people who do not know me personally, and I want to say this for myself: I am a rancher in Wasco county, have been in the sheep business here the past eight years. I have been a resident of Oregon for thirteen years, was born in New York state, my father having been born in Ohio and his father in Connecticut. So I am a pretty good Yankee descendant from a long line of good Republicans, and, being in the sheep business, you can guess my ideas on protection.

Very Truly Yours,
F. N. JONES.
(Signed) F. N. JONES.
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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE.

Mr. Huntington Expresses His Views on the Situation.

The Oregonian having for the second time published a statement of Representative Huntington concerning the interference of Senator Mitchell's friends with a plan to test the legality of the Benson house, a representative of THE CHRONICLE obtained from Mr. Huntington a statement of the matter referred to and an expression of opinion as to who is responsible for the "hold-up." Mr. Huntington said:

The matter referred to by me upon the floor of the House in the discussion of the resolutions to unseat the unqualified members, was this:

A few days after the organization of the House, a caucus of the members was called to consider, among other matters, the advisability of compelling the attendance of absent members. It was suggested that if we should cause their arrest they would institute habeas corpus proceedings, and, being the moving parties in the legislation, might delay the final hearing indefinitely. Many of the members were very anxious that the question as to the legality of our organization might be brought before the courts immediately, several of the stayers-out having expressed a willingness to come in whenever our organization was declared legal. The senate had refused to recognize the organization, and no business could be done while the situation remained as it then was. The matter was referred to the seven attorneys of the House. This committee met and I was by it requested to examine the subject. After a careful consideration, a plan was formed by which the legal status of the Benson house could be speedily determined. The attorney-general was consulted and consented to institute the desired proceeding. I then saw the chairman and one of the members of the committee and requested that a meeting be called. I was told that the managers of Senator Mitchell's campaign had been consulted and they had objected to the matter being taken into the court because it might interfere with Senator Mitchell's election. I protested that the organization of the House was of greater consequence to the people of the state than any one's candidacy, but no meeting of the committee was ever called and the attempt to have the question tried was suppressed. I afterwards called the attention of the House caucus to the matter, but nothing was done. For this I am satisfied Senator Mitchell's managers were responsible.

But as to who is most responsible for the hold-up, opinions differ widely. I think the opposition to Senator Mitchell should have been made on the floor of the House. The senatorial caucus vote was not a fair expression of opinion. Many of its members were under the restraint of a pledge exacted under threats emanating from the same influence which elected Bourne and some other Populists. When the joint assembly met no vote was taken, as the law directs, for the reason, as I believe, that Senator Mitchell's managers feared that some of these pledged members would be relieved if a ballot were taken and would not continue to vote for Mitchell when the requisite number to declare an election should go into joint

assembly, and I am satisfied if a ballot had been taken at each session, as the law directs, the blockade would have ended long ago.

Upon the other hand, the Simon Republicans in the house and senate would never make any concession unless the Mitchell men would force their candidate to surrender unconditionally. Last Thursday morning they were requested to sign the following:

The undersigned Republican members of the House of Representatives, hereby express our willingness to go into a conference of the Republican members of the house for the purpose of considering the present situation relative to the senatorial controversy, and with a view, if possible, of coming to an agreement as to a candidate. It is expressly understood that such conference shall not be in the nature of a caucus, and shall not be binding upon any one.

Many of the Mitchell men agreed to sign this if the Simon men would assent to it. The Simon men wanted to "consider the matter," and soon sent word from the senate chamber that they would not sign it. Afterwards they signed a paper saying they would vote for any sound money Republican; but they stated at the same time that the candidates must not be a member of the "Mitchell push." They, of course, reserved the right to determine whether the proposed candidate was from "the push" or not.

I am satisfied that neither side is without fault. The Populists, under the leadership of Bourne, have violated all their pledges and have allied themselves with the most radical gold-standard element in the Republican party to enable the latter to gain a political victory. They claim that in consideration of their aiding the Simon men to defeat Mitchell, the latter is to aid them in electing Bourne speaker. Mr. Simon claims he never agreed to support Bourne, but simply agreed not to oppose him. As to what this trade actually was I have no information other than what each side claims. If the Populists had left the Republicans to settle their own differences, and had done their duty by taking their seats and qualifying, the legislature would not have failed for forty days to transact the business it was elected to do.

To Talk About Fruit.

Arrangements have been completed for holding a meeting at Hood River on March 16 and 17, which will be addressed by President Miller of Corvallis college, and a lecture on the subject of fruit, illustrated with stereoscopic views will be one of the features of the occasion. Mr. Schanno has received a letter from Mr. Miller stating that he would like on the close of the Hood River meeting, to meet those interested in fruit growing here, on the evenings of the 18th and 19th. The first evening to be devoted to the subject of fruit, and the second to the general work of the agricultural college. To accomplish this, all that is required is that a hall be furnished, and Mr. Schanno will see what can be done in the matter. The Agricultural college is one of the first in the United States, and the wonder is that it is not more generously patronized.

Unknown Suicide.

While out hunting near the Cascade Locks Thursday, a resident of that place found some rather rare game, in the shape of a dead man hanging in a tree. He reported his find and the body was

cut down and taken to the Locks. The deceased was recognized as a stranger who had been doing odd jobs about the Locks for a few days, but no one knew his name or whence he came. He had nothing about him whatever that would give any clue as to his identity. The last seen of him previous to the discovery of his body was the Sunday morning before, when he cut some wood for a lady, receiving his breakfast in payment therefor.

A Frightful Accident.

Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock while assisting in running the steam wood saw in the rear of P. Baehre's warehouse, Mr. Kelly Taylor, a young man about 25 years of age, met with a frightful accident which will render him a cripple for life.

He was sawing a stick of wood that was nearly split in two and in some unaccountable manner his right hand was thrown in contact with the rapidly revolving saw, which severed his first finger at the last joint, the second finger at the second joint and badly lacerated the other two fingers and thumb.

The unfortunate young man was assisted to Dr. O. M. Dodson's office where the injured hand was dressed.—Baker Democrat.

DIED.

On Feb. 21st, at Mosier, Or., Axel William Johnson, infant son of William and Bertha Johnson, aged 3 months, 19 days.

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